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Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 20.

No Foreign Mails this Poſt.

YEſterday his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, accompanied by the Lord Viſcount Gauge, waited on his Majeſty at Kenſington. The ſame Day an Expreſs arrived from Paris, with an Account, as 'tis ſaid, that the Rt. Hon. Spencer Earl of Sunderland died there on Monday laſt. Letters from Dublin of the 6th Inſt. ſay, they had Advice from Corke, that Counſellor Dee, as he was upon the Circuit there, died after an Indiſpoſition of 3 Days; and that Counſellor Mainard, after a few Days Sickneſs, died at the Aſſizes of Limerick: That 908 l. has been collected in and about the City of Dublin for the poor Houſe-keepers and Weavers, &c. And that a Set of Ladies of great Fortune have made an Agreement among themſelves, not to wear this Winter any Cloaths, &c. but what ſhould be the Produce and Manufacture of that Kingdom: And it was not doubted, but that ſo laudable an Example will be followed by the reſt of the Quality, both Male and Female; by which Trade will very probably flouriſh again, and Money there once more circulate amongſt the Public.

'Tis hoped the Complaints we have had here for ſome Time, of Scarcity of Money and Deadneſs of Trade, will ſoon ceaſe. Our Merchants begin to freight their Ships for the Ports of Spain: So that 'tis hoped Commerce will be reſtored to its former flouriſhing State. The great Ship belonging to the S. S. Company named the *Briſtol*, has been buſy all this Week taking in their Lading for Buenos Ayres and other Ports of Spaniſh America; and a large Ship, formerly in the Service of the Eaſt India Company, is fitting up at Deptford, to be ſent to Cadix for the Uſe of the Spaniards. 'Tis generally believed that we ſhall in a few Days hear of Orders being given for the Fleet at Spithead to ſeparate into their reſpective Harbours, eſpecially the large Ships.

They write from Dover, that notwithſtanding the great Care and Diligence of th' King's Officers, the Smugglers are as buſy as ever: And the Method they uſe is, That aſſoon as they come to Anchor, they ſink the Goods a conſiderable Depth in Water, by which an eaſy Conveyance is made of them to the clandeſtine Trader.

There are Letters from Dublin of the 9th Inſt. adviſing, that the Evening before, one Captain O' Tirrel and 3 other Perſons were apprehended by the Watch of St. Andrew's, in a Houſe in Lazer's Hill, upon Information of their enliſting Men for the Pretender, or ſome foreign Service, and were committed to the Blackdog Priſon.

We learn from Suſſex, that the Harveſt there has been ſo extraordinary plentiful, that the Farmers Barns will ſcarce contain one Third of the Produce of the Field; and that the Price of Corn of all Sorts leſſened daily.

The Prince of Naſſau Frieſland is expected here in a few Weeks. The Diſcourſe is revived of a Marriage being near concluded between the Duke of Portland and the Lady Diana Spencer, Granddaughter of the ſenior Dutcheſs of Marlborough; who, 'tis ſaid, will give her 50,000 l. in Caſh, beſides 1000 l. a-year Portion.

We have juſt received a Letter from on board the *Cornwall* at Spithead, dated the 19th Inſt. which ſays they had had bad Weather for 3 or 4 Days, and the Misfortune of looſing one of their Boats; but make no mention of any Orders being arrived, either for the Fleet's putting to Sea or going into Harbour. Some People are very bold in their Reflexions on the Continuance of the Fleet; and others, to depreciate the Stocks, inſinuate as if the Treaty with Spain ſticks a-hand.

From a Weekly Journal, Sept. 20.

Our Advices from Paris take notice, That the Monks of St. Denis having prepared a Firework, to be play'd off from their Terras in honour of the Dauphin's Birth, a Swiſs Soldier of the Guards, whether in order to devote himſelf as a Sacrifice, by way of Compliment, to the young Dauphin, or

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to ſhew a ſtupid kind of Courage, is not certain; but he plac'd himſelf upon a Barrel of Gun-powder, and ſtruck fire to light his Pipe; the Sparks lighting upon the Powder, and blew him into the Air higher than the Steeple.

Our News-papers this Week have acquainted us that the young Dauphin made his firſt Viſit to the King and Queen; but they have not been pleaſed to let us know what Converſation paſs'd at that Viſit, which would have been of as much Importance as the other.

The Advices from Perſia take notice of the proſperous Condition of the *Uſurper Eſref*, and of the Miſeries of the People under him. An Ambaſſador being lately arrived from the Grand Signor to make a new Treaty with *Eſref*, no Expence or Pomp was ſpared in entertaining him; *Eſref* received him at his publick Audience under a Canopy, ſeated upon a Throne all enriched with Diamonds, (he being in Poſſeſſion of the Regalia, the Wealth and Jewels of the late unfortunate SOPHI) In the midſt of all this Magnificence and Shew, there is nothing but *Want* and *Miſery* among the People, not only in *Iſpahan*, but in the more remote Parts. But, the Wealth of the *Court* and its *Dependants*, is called the Happineſs of the People in that unhappy Country.

From Rome we are told that the Clementine College held their Feſtival, upon which Occaſion Don Nicholas St. Severino, Brother to the Prince Biſagnano pronounced a Latin Oration. Don Trajan Spinelli, Son of the Duke of Lonno, repeated a Latin Poem; and Don John Michael de Lerma, Son of the Duke of Caſtel Mezzano, made an Oration in the Greek Tongue. Thus they paſs their Time at Rome, while the young Nobility of ſome other Countries ſtudy the more ingenious Sciences of Cards and Dice.

They write from Copehagen, That the King of Denmark agreed to the ſending of a Body of Troops to oppoſe the King of Pruſſia, in Caſe that Affair ſhould not be compromiſed, in Conſideration of ſome Subſidies paid him by a certain Country that ſhall be nameleſs.

From Poland we learn, that the Diet of that Kingdom, which met at Grodno, is broke up, without complying with certain Deſigns of the Court, in which 'tis ſuppoſed the Intereſt of Saxony was more concerned than that of Poland; but where it is not the Cuſtom of the Country to tranſact all Affairs by *Bribery*, Senates will not give up every thing to the Avarice of a Co[illegible]

London, Sept. 20. It is obſerved, that on Thurſday was Se'night, when ſo much Miſchief was done by a riotous Rabble of about 20 Perſons, who aſſaulted ſeveral Citizens, and broke their Windows, not one of the Rabble was apprehended or taken for the ſame. 'Tis ſuppoſed that timely Notice could not be given to any of our worſhipful Juſtices, or worſhipful Conſtables, to cauſe them to be apprehended; which thoſe Fellows may look upon to be a lucky Eſcape for them, ſince if the Proclamation had been read to them, it was Felony, and the ſame Crime for which four or five poor Wretches ſuffered Death ſome Years ſince, at the End of Salisbury Court. Let them take care how they commit ſuch an Outrage again, and conſider they live in a Country where no Laws are made, but for the *Liberty of the Subject, and where they are moſt impartially put in execution, without any Regard to Party.*

On Monday laſt One thouſand one hundred and ſeventy Ounces of foreign Gold was entred at the Cuſtom houſe for Exportation to Holland.

From the Weekly Medley, Sept. 20.

Never were we more barren of News than at preſent. All our News-papers are ſilent as to the Congreſs at Brunſwick: Nothing 'tis hop'd will go amiſs there. But we fear the ſame good Fortune will not attend that at Soiſſons. Sure there are *great Difficulties* to ſurmount, before the reſuming the Conferences there, elſe we might have heard before now of its Re-opening. The *valiant* and *prudent* Thraſo's Maxim (in *Terence's Eunuchus*) is ſcrupulouſly followed. He ſays,

Omnia prius experiri verbis, quam armis, ſapientem decet.

So we do not queſtion but all Obſtacles are now removing, that the ſeveral Plenipotentiary-Miniſters may have no more to do, but to ſet Hands to the *pacifick Treaty.*

We have a long Account of the Miſeries to which the once flowriſhing Empire of Perſia is reduc'd, equal to thoſe of a *neighbouring* Kingdom, which does not, as the other, labour under the Misfortunes of a Civil War.

To the Authors of the Weekly Medley.

If the following *Ballad* be acceptable, pleaſe inſert it in your next *Medley*, and you'll oblige, &c.

Sept. 12. 1729.

GOod People give Ear, and I'll tell you a Story
Will tickle your Ears, if you wiſh Britain's Glory;
For in Rhime, ſure the like was never before ye:

Which no Body can deny.

The Spaniards of late ſo haughty are grown,
They pretend both our Towns and our Ships are their own,
And the latter they ſtill take, 'tis very well known.
Hereupon we ſent word they will find it their beſt,
To give over ſuch Pranks, for we like not the Jeſt:
And they, *gravely*, replied, they would weigh our Requeſt.
But ſtill they went on higly pleaſed with the Joke;
Our Traders were taken, our Merchants were broke,
Reſolv'd, if they could, our ſtern Wrath to provoke.
So our wrath was provok'd, and our Rage was ſo great,
That a Fleet was equip'd, thoſe proud Spaniards to beat,
And we ſent for Dutch Help in a violent Heat.
So the Dutch came to help us with twelve Men of War;
For the Dutch, like the Devil, Injuſtice abhore,
Since they knew that the Spaniards had not plaid us fair.

So to Spithead they went, and at Spithead have lain;
But deſign very ſoon to ſcour out the Main,
To retrieve us our Honour, and humble proud Spain.
But when, to this Purpoſe, theſe Fleets are to weigh,
I believe yet no Briton will venture to ſay;
But this I am ſure, they will ſail when they may.
But in the mean Time, as in Line they are laid,
Moſt wiſely they are of double Uſe made;
To our Nobles, Diverſion, to our Foes they give Dread.

For the Gentry all round, and Nobility too,
To Portſmouth ride Poſt this Armado to view,
As if th' Engliſh Fleet was ſet out for a Shew,
But as France will not hear Chriſtian Blood to be ſhed,
Notwithſtanding a Wager's himſelf at the Head,
Fat Bucks in great Number have bled in their ſtead.
For the Cardinal thinks the ſame End we fulfil,
If we bear the Expence, tho the Fleet doth ly ſtill;
For we ſo frighten Spain, they will do what they will.
So the Fleet lies at Anchor, the Captains read Prayers,
The Ladies are learning our Tarpauling Airs;
And each Cook for each Day ſome new Diſhes prepares.
The Treats are of Veniſon, of Rack Punch, and of Jelly;
Chear entire have the Ladies, as ſome People do tell ye;
And few will return without Fare in their Belly.
So ſail when they will, they will leave us at Home,
A Brood of young Sailors for Ages to come,
Who will be Volunteers at the Sound of a Drum.
On this Score alone th' Expence was well made;
For Sailors are wanting, both for War and for Trade;
So the Scheme for the Publick was very well laid,
Which no Body can deny.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 20.

Stoccholm, Sept. 1. The King of Sweden having 6 Weeks ago agreed to recognize the Czar's Title of *Emperor* of all Ruſſia, is preparing to ſend ſuddenly an Ambaſſador to Moſcow, who 'tis believed will be charged with propoſing a new Treaty of Commerce between the two Nations.

The Directors of the College of Commerce have actually equipped a Ship of 46 Guns and 160 Men, for Madagaſcar.

'Tis aſſured that the Admirals will arm next Spring a Squadron for the Security of the Trading Ships of this Nation to the Mediterranean Seas, where they have been this Year ſo much inſulted by the Corſairs of Tunis and Tripoli.

The King's Miniſters at Copenhagen are actually negociating a new Treaty of Commerce there.

Cadix, Sept. 6. The Face of public Affairs is now agreeably changed, and our Apprehenſions of War are diſſipated. The Indulto on the Effects of the Galleons is heavy; and the Conſulado indeed levies a high Duty of 4 per Cent. in current Money, inſtead of 1, or 1 and a half, the uſual Contribution. This extraordinary Duty, 'tis pretended, is to defray the great and very heavy Charge of the long Detention of the Ships abroad, and to pay off a Sum they advanced in 1726, for the King's Uſe. But this will hardly happen again, the King having promiſed that for the future he will content himſelf with the ordinary 5 per Cent. Indulto: So we hope no longer to labour under the Hardſhips we have lately experienc'd.

London, Sept. 20. Somerſet-Houſe is fitting up for the Reception of his Highneſs the Prince of Naſſau-Frieſland, who is expected here in 3 Weeks time.

About

About the middle of last Week 5 or 6 Women met at a House in Theobald's Row, and drank Parliament Brandy to that Degree, that one of them died as she was going to her Lodgings.

From St. James's Evening-Post, Sept 20.

Daventry, Sept. 18. Yesterday in the Evening a Meteor was seen in th' Air (arising from the South) in this Neighbourhood, which struck with great Terror all the Beholders. According to the exactest Observations that could be made, it seem'd to be a great massy Lump of combustible Matter, darting on all Sides Flashes like Fire; which when first seen, were very frightful, and seemed to portend some Evil to some Place or other. As it drew near Hasselbridge, it seemed to lessen, and in a very short time vanished near the Church. It hath left no Traces of its Course, except a very foulsome nasty Stench, which we hope by this Rain will be cleared off.

Mr. John Wolfe, who fled the Kingdom for printing Mist's Journal of the 24th of August 1728, has set up a Tavern at Bologne in France, and has put the Duke of Wharton's Head for his Sign.

Leith, Sept. 25. Since our last arrived the *First Adventure* of Leith, John Grot, from London: Also the *John and James* of Leith, John Scot, from Lisbon, with Wine and Salt.

Edinburgh, Sept. 25. We hear Major Thomas Lindsay is made Deputy Governor of Stirling Castle, and Captain William Murray Fort-Major there.

Yesterday were chosen Merchant Counsellors for this City, William Ewen, John Robertson and George Dunbar. For Trades Counsellors, John Lawder Chirurgeon continued, John Walker Skinner.

This Day (being the 14th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 12 o' Clock, 44 Min. Tomorrow, at 1, 32 Min. On Saturday, at 2, 20 Min.

Full Moon To-morrow at 3 in the Morning.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

☞ A Parcel of new fresh *Limons, Limon Juice, Orange Wine* and *Canary, Piermont* and *Spaw Waters*, and *Grocery* Wares of all Kinds, newly come Home, To be sold at reasonable Rates, at *JOHN GRANT's* Shop at the COVENANT Close head: Where Sugars of all Sorts, Loaf and Powder, are also to be sold for ready Money, at the same Rate with Leith Sugaree Ware house.

The Company of HUNTERS, are to have their annual Hunting meeting at Kelso, the second Wednesday of October next, where 'tis expected the Companions of the Order will attend, and those who keep their Hounds within 24 Miles of Kelso, are desired to have them there before the Day of Meeting.

The Companions of the Order will please remember their Plate falls to be run for about the 3d of November next; and they are therefore to furnish their Cashier at Edinburgh with proper Instructions for putting it out.

This by Order of the Council.

DA. BAIRD Cashiery.

By the Trustees for MERCHISTON's Creditors.

That the Lands of COCKBURN, lying in the Parish of Curry and Shire of Mid-Lothian, holding Taxtward of the Crown, paying of yearly Rent One Hundred Pounds Sterling, and the Lands much improven by Inclosures, both of Stone and with Ditch and Hedge, and having a vast deal of young Planting on the Ground, (subject to a Teind payable to the Town of Edinburgh, sette to the Heritor at 50 Merks yearly, for a good many Years yet to run) As also, That the Lands of MOUNT, lying in the Parish of Monymeal and Shire of Fife, and *Teinds* of the same, holding Blanche of the Crown, and paying of yearly Rent Seven Hundred and thirty three Pound, Six Shillings, Eight Pennies Scots, and Eight Bolls of Oats. As also, That the Lands of GLADSTANES and GREENSHAILS, lying in the Parish of Liberton, Barony of Carnwath, and Shire of Lanark, holding Feu of the Laird of Carnwath, and paying yearly One thousand Six hundred and sixty eight Pound six Shilling and Eight Pennies Scots, and one Chalder and an half of Meal, and Half a Chalder of Bear: ARE all to be exposed, *Separately*, to Roup and Sale by the saids Trustees, as Trustees for the Creditors of John Louis of Merchiston, Mr. Thomas Menzies of Lethem, upon *Friday* the 7th Day of *November* next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 after Noon in the House of William Gray Vintner in the Assembly-close Edinburgh. The Rentals, Progresses of Writs, and Conditions of Roups of the said several Lands, are to be seen in the Hands of *James Haliburton* Writer to the Signet, and Clerk to the said Trustees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

Nota. The Lands of MOUNT give a Vote for a Member of Parliament.

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